

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A device for treating woody plants, comprising a cylindrical injection element equipped with an axial bore; only one radial slot which communicates with the axial bore and whose longitudinal axis is essentially parallel to the axial bore; a fixing element and an element for connecting a reservoir.

2. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the axial bore is embodied in the form of a pot bore.

3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that a sealing element is arranged between the fixing element and the element for connecting a reservoir.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the sealing element is a three-way cock.

5. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the fixing element is a thread.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in [[any]] claim 1, further comprising an element for turning and/or adjusting the device, wherein the fixing

element is arranged between the radial slot and the element for turning and/or adjusting the device.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a marker element that indicates the radial position of the radial slot, wherein the fixing element is arranged between the marker element and the radial slot.

8. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A method of treating woody plants, characterized in that in a first step, a small area of bark is removed,

in a second step, an essentially horizontal hole is bored into the stem of a woody plant;

in a third step, the device as claimed in claim 1 is introduced into this borehole, fixed and adjusted in such a way that the radial slot (3) points vertically upwards;

in a fourth step, the plant treatment composition is delivered via the connection element (5) in such a way that an essentially bubble-free delivery of the plant treatment composition is ensured;

in a fifth step, the pressurized plant treatment composition is allowed to be taken up by the woody plant over the period required, and,

in a sixth step, the above-described cannula is detached and, if appropriate, the borehole which remains is sealed ~~by methods with which the skilled worker is familiar.~~

9. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that a plurality of injections are carried out simultaneously on one and the same woody plant along the circumference of the stem.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A device for treating woody plants, comprising a cylindrical injection element equipped with an axial bore; a radial slot which communicates with the axial bore and whose longitudinal axis is essentially parallel to the axial bore; a fixing element and an element for connecting a reservoir,

wherein a sealing element is arranged between the fixing element and the element for connecting a reservoir, and

wherein the sealing element is a three-way cock.